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PROVIDING METHOD THEREFOR, PICTURE  
PROCESSING APPARATUS AND PROCESSING  
METHOD THEREFOR, AND MEMORY MEDIUM  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

The following amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination and is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 1, 2007 and the Advisory Action mailed August 16, 2007. Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension to reply to the Final Action mailed May 1, 2007 having an extended date for reply of September 4, 2007 (September 1, 2007 being a Saturday and September 3, 2007, Monday, being a Holiday). Enclosed is our payment in the amount \$120.00 for the extension-of-time fee. Prior to continued examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.